THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The allocation and lifting of imported rapeseed oil to/by West Bengal during August to October, 1987 is as follows:

Month	Allocation under PDS (bulk tins)	Lifting under PDS (bulk tins)
	(Quantity in Mts)	
August	15500	13690
September	18000	15345
October	20500	9917

(b) and (c) During the oil year 1986-87, 1,20,194 MT of imported edible oils were supplied to West Bengal as compared to 80,501 MT in oil year 1985-86. However, due to some constraints there was a shortfall in supply of these oils to the State during the months of August—October, 1987. These were, railway breaches because of floods in Eastern India, siltage at Calcutta Port as a result of which vessels were not able to discharge the required quantity of edible oils in Calcutta, lack of sufficient refining capacity etc.

Formulation of Oilseeds Production Project

819. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had ofrmulated an oilseed production project for the Kharif season, 1987; and

(b) if so, whether the project has been implemented with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During Kharif, 1987, Oilseeds Production Thrust Project was formulated and sanctioned for three important kharif oilseeds i.e., groundnut, soyabean and sunflower for 14 important oilseeds growing States for implementation. The main thrust of the project is on plant protection umbrella, seed production/procurement, minikit distribution, application of calcium sulphate to groundnut etc. However, the State Government of West Bengal, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have reported that the project could not be implemented in full, during Kharif 1987 due to aberrant weather conditions.

Import of edible oil

820. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import edible oil; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been a gap between the demand for and availability of indigenous edible oils. The Government of India is importing edible oils to bridge the gap. The quantum of edible oils to be imported is decided by the Government from time to time keeping in view various factors such as gap between demand and supply, international prices, availability of foreign exchange and other related factors.

Revision of pay scales of teachers of Agricultural Universities

821. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what is the position regarding the revision of pay scales for the teachers of agricultural universities?